Amendment to Criminal Procedure Code

2518. SHRI SOUPETE RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Criminal Procedure Code on the basis of recommendations made by the Law Commission and the National Police Commission; and

(b) if *so, the* details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) (a) and (b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Law Commission of India, the National Police Commission, the observations of courts and suggestions received from State Governments and others, the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 containing 49 clauses and proposing amendment to various provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on May 09, 1994. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which considered the Amendment Bill, 1994 has suggested changes to 17 clauses. The Government Proposes to accept all the suggestions of the Committee except in respect of one clause. Official amendments to the pending Amendment Bill in the Rajya Sabha, are proposed to be moved shortly.

Step-Motherly Treatment to Hindi

† 2519. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that official language Hindi has not been given the status of official language even after fifty years of independence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present most of the work/

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

correspondence of the Central Government are carried out in English; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that step-motherly treatment is meted out to the Officers, Editors and Translators looking after the work of Hindi in various Government/autonomous institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Hindi is the Official Language of the Union. Parliament has passed a resolution in december, 1967 directing the Centre Government to prepare a "Annual Programme" every year and send it to all Ministries etc. for implementation and to place a "Annual Assessment Report** on the table of both the house of Parliament. This is being completely implemented. Last "Annual Assessment Report" has been laid on the table of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 6.12.1999 and 8.12.1999 respectively, copies of which are also available in Parliament library.

(c) Employees connected with Hindi are equivalent to other employees and no discrimination can be done with them.

Strenthening of Para-Military and State Police

2520. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are exploring ways to overhaul and strengthen para-military forces and State police to make them more effective wherever they are deployed;

(b) if so, whether a task force has been recently constituted on internal securiy;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Task Force; and

(d) to what extent the overhauling of the para-military forces is going to check left wing extremism and drug trafficking in the country?